IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): An oral preparation comprising ~~(a) an organic acid, inorganic acid, or mixtures thereof, and (b) a fluoride ion supplying compound, wherein a light scattering layer is formed inside enamel of the teeth when the oral preparation is applied to teeth~~

(A) from 0.02 to 0.2 wt. % (in terms of fluorine atom) of a fluoride ion supplying component which is at least one selected from the group consisting of sodium fluoride, sodium monofluorophosphate, lithium fluoride, ammonium fluoride, and mixtures thereof;

(B) from 0.03 to 0.5 mol/kg of a combination of an organic acid with a salt thereof;

(C) from 0.03 to 0.5 mol/kg of potassium ion; and

(D) water;

and, a 30 wt.% dilution of the oral preparation with water has a pH ranging from 3 to 5.5.

Claim 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): The oral preparation according to claim 1, wherein the organic acid ~~and/or inorganic acid~~ is at least one selected from the group consisting of ~~acetic acid, lactic acid,~~ malic acid, tartaric acid, ~~citric acid, glycollic acid, succinic acid, phosphoric acid,~~ and a mixture ~~mixtures~~ thereof.

Claims 4-7 (Canceled).

Claim 8 (Withdrawn): A chewing gum comprising (a) an organic acid, inorganic acid, or mixtures thereof, and (b) a fluoride ion supplying compound, wherein a light scattering layer is formed inside enamel of the teeth when the chewing gum is applied to teeth.

Claim 9 (Withdrawn): The chewing gum according to claim 8, wherein the light scattering layer is formed at a depth of 500 μm or less from the surface of the enamel.

Claim 10 (New): The oral preparation according to claim 1, wherein a light scattering layer is formed inside enamel of the teeth when the oral preparation is applied to teeth.

Claim 11 (New): The oral preparation according to claim 10, wherein the light scattering layer is formed at a depth of 500 μm or less from the surface of the enamel.

Claim 12 (New): The oral preparation according to claim 1, wherein no calcium ion is substantially contained.

Claim 13 (New): An oral preparation comprising:

(A) from 0.02 to 0.2 wt. % (in terms of fluorine atom) of a fluoride ion supplying component;

(B) from 0.03 to 0.5 mol/kg of a combination of an organic acid with a salt thereof;

(C) from 0.03 to 0.5 mol/kg of potassium ion; and

(D) water;

and, a 30 wt.% dilution of the oral preparation with water has a pH ranging from 3 to 5.5.

Claim 14 (New): The oral preparation according to claim 13, wherein a light scattering layer is formed inside enamel of the teeth when the oral preparation is applied to the teeth.

Claim 15 (New): The oral preparation according to claim 14, wherein the light scattering layer is formed at a depth of 500 μm or less from the surface of the enamel.

Claim 16 (New): The oral preparation according to claim 13, wherein the organic acid is at least one selected from the group consisting of malic acid, tartaric acid, and a mixture thereof.

Claim 17 (New): The oral preparation according to claim 13, wherein no calcium ion is substantially contained.